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RICE RESEARCH CENTRE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up rice research centres in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise particularly in Kerala; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) to (c): Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE)/Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is not contemplating to establish new rice research centre(s) in the country including Kerala.The rice research in the country is being carried out by a central Institue i.e. Central Rice Research Institute, at Cuttack alongwith its two regional centres at Hazaribagh (Jharkhand) and Gerua, (Assam), one Directorate of Rice Research at Hyderabad. Besides above,Rice research is also being carried out at Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi and also at Vivekanand Krishi Anusandhan Sansthan, Almora.

The Directorate of Rice Research also coordinates rice research in the country through the All India Coordinated Rice Improvement Project (AICRIP) with 46 funded centres established under the State Agricultural Universities/State Departments.

In Kerala, under AICRIP,two centres i.e. one at Pattambi and the other at Moncompu under the Kerala Agricultural University are already functioning for the development of location specific varieties and technologies for enhancing the production and productivity of rice specially for the Kerala.